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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kessler

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NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION
METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith is a fee authorization to extend the time for response for three months.

The **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The **Remarks** section begins on page 5 of this paper.

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